

enclosed request for a two-month extension of time, i.e., through Tuesday, May 13, as set forth on the above Certificate of Mailing.

Reconsideration of pending Claims 1-29 is respectfully requested, in view of the Remarks set forth below.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Kindly amend the specification as follows:

Page 33, line 36, kindly delete "10-15" and substitute ---10-14--- therefor.

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend Claims 1, 8, and 28, as follows:

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1. (Once Amended) A patch bag comprising a heat-shrinkable patch adhered to a heat-shrinkable bag, the heat-shrinkable patch comprising a first heat-shrinkable film and the heat-shrinkable bag comprising a second heat-shrinkable film, the first heat-shrinkable film comprising homogeneous ethylene/alpha-olefin copolymer wherein the first heat-shrinkable film has a free shrink, at 185°F, of from about 10 to 100 percent.

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8. (Once Amended) The heat-shrinkable patch bag according to claim 1, wherein the first heat-shrinkable film has a free shrink, at 185°F, of from about [10] 15 to [100] 75 percent.

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28. (Once Amended) A packaged product, comprising:

B3 a package including a patch bag comprising a heat-shrinkable patch adhered to a heat-shrinkable bag, the heat-shrinkable patch comprising a first heat-shrinkable film and the heat-shrinkable bag comprising a second heat-shrinkable film, the first heat-shrinkable film comprising a homogeneous ethylene/alpha-olefin copolymer, wherein the first heat-shrinkable film has a free shrink, at 185°F, of from about 10 to 100 percent; and

a meat product in the package, the meat product comprising bone.

Kindly add newly-presented Claims 30-42, as follows:

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--30. The patch bag according to Claim 1, wherein the second heat-shrinkable film comprises linear low density polyethylene having a density of from about 0.91 to 0.94 g/cc.

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B4 31. The patch bag according to Claim 1, wherein the first heat-shrinkable film comprises an outer layer comprising linear low density polyethylene, a core layer comprising the homogeneous ethylene/alpha-olefin copolymer, and a self-welded layer comprising ethylene/vinyl acetate copolymer.

32. The patch bag according to Claim 1, wherein the homogeneous ethylene/alpha-olefin copolymer comprises a metallocene-catalyzed ethylene/alpha-olefin copolymer.

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~~33~~ A patch bag comprising a heat-shrinkable patch adhered to a heat-shrinkable bag, the heat-shrinkable patch comprising a first heat-shrinkable film and the heat-shrinkable bag comprising a second heat-shrinkable film, the first heat-shrinkable film comprising a first layer which is an outer film layer, a second layer which is an inner film layer, and a third film layer which is a self-weld film layer, wherein at least one of the layers comprises homogeneous ethylene/alpha-olefin copolymer. ^{Insert G1}

34. The patch bag according to Claim ~~33~~, wherein the first heat-shrinkable film has a free shrink, at 185°F, of from about 10 to 100 percent.

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~~35~~ The patch bag according to Claim ~~33~~, wherein the first heat-shrinkable film comprises six layers and wherein the film is symmetrical with respect to layer thickness and layer composition.

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~~36~~ The patch bag according to Claim ~~33~~, wherein the second layer comprises homogeneous ethylene/alpha-olefin copolymer.

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~~37~~ The patch bag according to Claim ~~33~~, wherein the first layer comprises homogeneous ethylene/alpha-olefin copolymer.